

Wiltshire Plains
CH-292
Bryantown vicinity
Private

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No.

CH-292

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Wiltshire Plains

other

2. Location

street and number 4710 Bryantown Road

not for publication

city, town Bryantown

x vicinity

county Charles

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Charles D. and Vivian Boone

street and number P.O. Box 778

telephone 301-638-7773

city, town Bryantown

state MD

zip code 20617-0778

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse

tax map and parcel: 25-5-220

city, town LaPlata

liber 1160 folio 585

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

Contributing Resource in National Register District

Contributing Resource in Local Historic District

Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register

Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register

Recorded by HABS/HAER

Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT

x Other: MHT Inventory

6. Classification

Category

Ownership

Current Function

Resource Count

district

public

agriculture

landscape

Contributing

Noncontributing

x building(s)

x private

commerce/trade

recreation/culture

1

buildings

structure

both

defense

religion

7

sites

site

x domestic

social

7

structures

object

education

transportation

8

objects

funerary

work in progress

8

Total

government

unknown

health care

vacant/not in use

industry

other:

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

1

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Wiltshire Plains is located on the east side of Bryantown Road and currently stands on a 3 1/2 acre parcel. The dwelling, although significantly altered, in its current form consists of a 2 1/2 story side gable, five bay frame structure with two interior end chimneys. Substantial nineteenth and twentieth century additions are visible on the northern, southern and eastern elevations. Associated structures include a circa 1882 tobacco barn, 1934 horse/hay barn, circa 1880 corncrib/granary, meathouse, wellhouse and outhouse. The house is also surrounded by several large trees.

Overall, the dwelling is of frame construction resting on a solid brick foundation. Generally, the walls are clad with weatherboard siding. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and is broken by two interior end chimneys. The moderately steep pitched roof meets the eave walls with a boxed cornice. A twentieth century one-story single bay wood porch shelters the central entrance and is supported with paired Tuscan columns.

The façade consists of a central doorway flanked on either side by two 6/6 light double-hung wood sash windows. On the second floor are an equal number of vertically symmetrical windows of similar composition yet slightly shorter in height. Additionally, above the doorway is a 6/6 light double hung wood sash window of still smaller height. All windows include square-edged wood surrounds. The single panel and light door includes sidelights with applied woodwork. The porch, door and windows are replacements dating from the first half of the twentieth centuries.

Both the north and south gable ends include paired attic windows. On the northern elevation these consist of two 4/2 light double-hung wood sash windows with molded trim. On the southern elevation the attic windows are of a slightly different composition consisting of two 4/4 light double-hung wood sash. Also both of these elevations include a single second story 6/6 light double-hung wood sash window placed asymmetrically near the dwelling façade.

Substantial nineteenth and twentieth century additions include a two story rear addition, a one story sunroom off the south side and a series of one story wings on the north side. The only visible addition to the original nineteenth century facade appears to be a circa 1900 one story front gable porch with paired Tuscan column.

Wiltshire Farms has been in the Boone family for almost 150 years and the current owners have assembled a great deal of information on previous features and alterations. According to the Boone's, exterior chimneys were removed in the early 1900's and replaced with interior flues. A kitchen was attached to the northern elevation but was removed when the chimneys were torn down. A two-story kitchen wing was then built in the rear creating a modified T-plan. In 1938 a bath was attached to the upstairs room. A small porch at the rear sheltered a kitchen entrance that was later enclosed and added onto, forming a breakfast room and utility room.

The Boone's also indicated that during the nineteenth century the dwelling had galleried porches on the first and second stories of both the front and rear façades. Later, a one-story porch extended across the western elevation which was replaced in 1940 by the current porch. At this time the original paneled door was also replaced. The window above was once a second floor porch entrance into the upstairs hall. The original windows were replaced in the 1940's. The sunroom and screened porch off the

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gable walls were also constructed in the 1940's.

An inspection in 1997 by Judith J. Rose of Architectural & Development Services, Waldorf, Maryland found mortise and tenon construction at the corners of the wall framing, axe hewn joints and hand hewn lath boards; dowel joinery and handmade foundation bricks of local possibly on-site construction. The letter did not reference the exact location of such features and findings could not be verified at the time of the survey.

INTERIOR

The interior has been significantly reworked and as a result has lost much of its original materials including molding, mantels and doors. Currently, the interior features bullseye window and door trim throughout. The upstairs bedroom mantel with sunbursts is reported by the owners to have originated in another historic home near Aquasco, Maryland.

The interior floor plan of the earliest section follows a general one room deep side passage plan where the passageway opened onto a room with a stairway located on the original exterior wall on the northern elevation. The woodwork in the hall appears to be largely original as does the random width floorboards. Especially noteworthy and perplexing is the stair railing which is similar in form to that found in Pleasant Hill said to have been built circa 1760. (CH-78). While the stair railing does seem similar, the corresponding floorplans are not the same. No other evidence was found at the time of the survey that would indicate an earlier eighteenth century construction date.

OUTBUILDINGS

Wiltshire Plains includes several outbuildings some of which are original and some which have been reconstructed using earlier materials.

Outbuildings that retain the greatest integrity include a horse barn constructed in 1934 by the father of the current owners and a tobacco barn built in 1882 by Edward Dominic Boone. The horse barn includes a poured concrete foundation, metal seam roof and board and batten siding. Access to the interior is through two narrow doors on the gable ends.

Because the tobacco barn is no longer part of the Boone property it was not thoroughly surveyed. Available visual evidence indicates the structure consists of a main side gable building flanked with shed additions on at least two sides. The additions are sheathed with vertical board siding. Only the uppermost gable end of the main block was visible which included horizontal board siding. Wooden shingles are visible under the metal roofing material on the gable end shed addition.

Reconstructed buildings include the corncrib and meathouse which, according to the current owners were both rebuilt in the 1880's and 1890's using older materials. The meathouse was refurbished in 1996. It currently rests on a concrete block foundation and is sheathed with board and batten siding. The frame includes hand hewn elements. The corncrib now rests on a poured concrete foundation and according to the owners

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has been moved from its original site.

The outhouse was built circa 1940 and rests on concrete blocks. The frame is sheathed with board and batten siding. The front gable structure is covered with a metal roof.

The wellhouse is a front gable frame structure sheathed with vertical board siding and a metal seam roof. The foundation is of poured concrete.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
1600-1699	agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
1700-1799	archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
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2000-	commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1857-1940

Architect Unknown

Construction dates C. 1857

Builder Unknown

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

Wiltshire Plains is an altered example of a frame center passage I-house in Charles County. Probably built in 1857, the dwelling is 2 1/2 stories high and one room deep and may incorporate the skeleton of an earlier 18th century structure. Although the dwelling has been substantially altered, the site includes several important outbuildings situated in its original rural setting.

The dwelling and associated structures rest on land patented in 1711 by Thomas Crabb totaling over 900 acres and known as "Wardle" and "Wiltshire Plains". By 1782 it had passed into the hands of the prominent Bowie family of Prince George County. By the mid-nineteenth century the property came into the possession of the Boone family who are responsible for most of the standing structures on the site today.

Little architectural evidence is recognizable from an earlier building period with the exception of a modest, slender, Federal-style stair railing found in the hall. Similar railings have been documented in other regionally distinctive dwellings including Pleasant Hill(CH-78).

In 1857, Edward Dominic Boone acquired the dwelling and property then containing 330 of the original 900 acre tract and probably constructed much of the dwelling that exists today. His son Richard Alexander Boone acquired the Wiltshire Plains from his father in 1889 and initiated another building period, adding a full length one story porch to the façade and a two story service wing to the rear of the dwelling. Additionally, he was likely the builder of the corncrib, tobacco barn and possibly the meathouse.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 5
Acreage of historical setting 3.413
Quadrangle name Hughesville Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property at 4710 Bryantown Road is and has historically been associated with Charles County Property Map 25, Grid 5, Parcel 220.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Cathy Currey/Historic Site Surveyor		
organization	Charles County Planning Dept.	date	10/03/2000
street and number	200 Baltimore Street	telephone	301-396-581
city or town	LaPlata	state MD	zipcode 20646

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Crownsville MD 21032
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Wiltshire Plains
name of property
Charles County, MD
county and state

*Chain of title:

May 24, 1711	Thomas Crabb certificate for 330 a. Patent "Wiltshire Plains" and "Wardle". Surveyed April 8, 1707. See also Last will and testament of Thomas Crabb, 3:135. Liber DD No.5 Folio 710
	[Break in documentation]
May 7, 1782	William Bowie of Prince George County to William Sprigg Bowie of same county. "Wardle" 902 a. minus 203 deeded to William Boarman. "Wiltshire" 214 3/4 a. V 3 Folio 573
1787	William Sprigg Bowie to Robert Bowie. Both of Prince George County. [First two pages missing.] 214 3/4 a. D 4 Folio 24
September 19, 1791	Robert Bowie and Priscilla, his wife of Prince George County to William Barker of Charles County. "Wardle" and "Wiltshire Plains" 19,000 pounds of tobacco and 186 pounds, 8 shillings 9 pence for 803a. K 4 Folio 311
December 18, 1791	Robert and Priscilla Bowie of Prince George County to William Turner of Charles County. 157 a. 186 pounds 8 shillings, 9 pence. K 4 Folio 370
	[Break in documentation] Oswell Gibbons to son William Gibbons?
December 10, 1857	Samuel Berry, of Prince George County trustee for the estate of William S. Gibbons to Edward D. Boone."Wiltshire Plains" 330a. Liber JS No.2 Folio 210
February 12, 1889	Last will and testament of Edward Dominic Boone. All real

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property to son Richard Alexander Boone.

MT 18 Folio 347

December, 1, 1931

Last will and testament of Richard Alexander Boone to son
William McKinley Boone. All property real and personal.

AW 21 Folio 160

October 16, 1986

Rebekah Bowie Compton Boone, widow to Charles D. and Vivian
E. Boone. 3.413 acres. Shown on plat "Land of Rebecca C. Boone".
Liber 36 Folio 77

Liber 1160 Folio 585

* This chain of title is based on information provided by the current owners. The complete chain of title could not be traced due to missing or incomplete documentation. References sited in bold represent documents that were reviewed and do appear to refer to the current property.

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Major Bibliographic References:

Brown, Jack D., et al. Charles County, Maryland, A History.
Charles County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

Charles County Land Records, Charles County Courthouse, LaPlata, Maryland.

Klapthor, Margaret Brown. The History of Charles County, Maryland.
LaPlata, MD: Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

Date: 11/12/99

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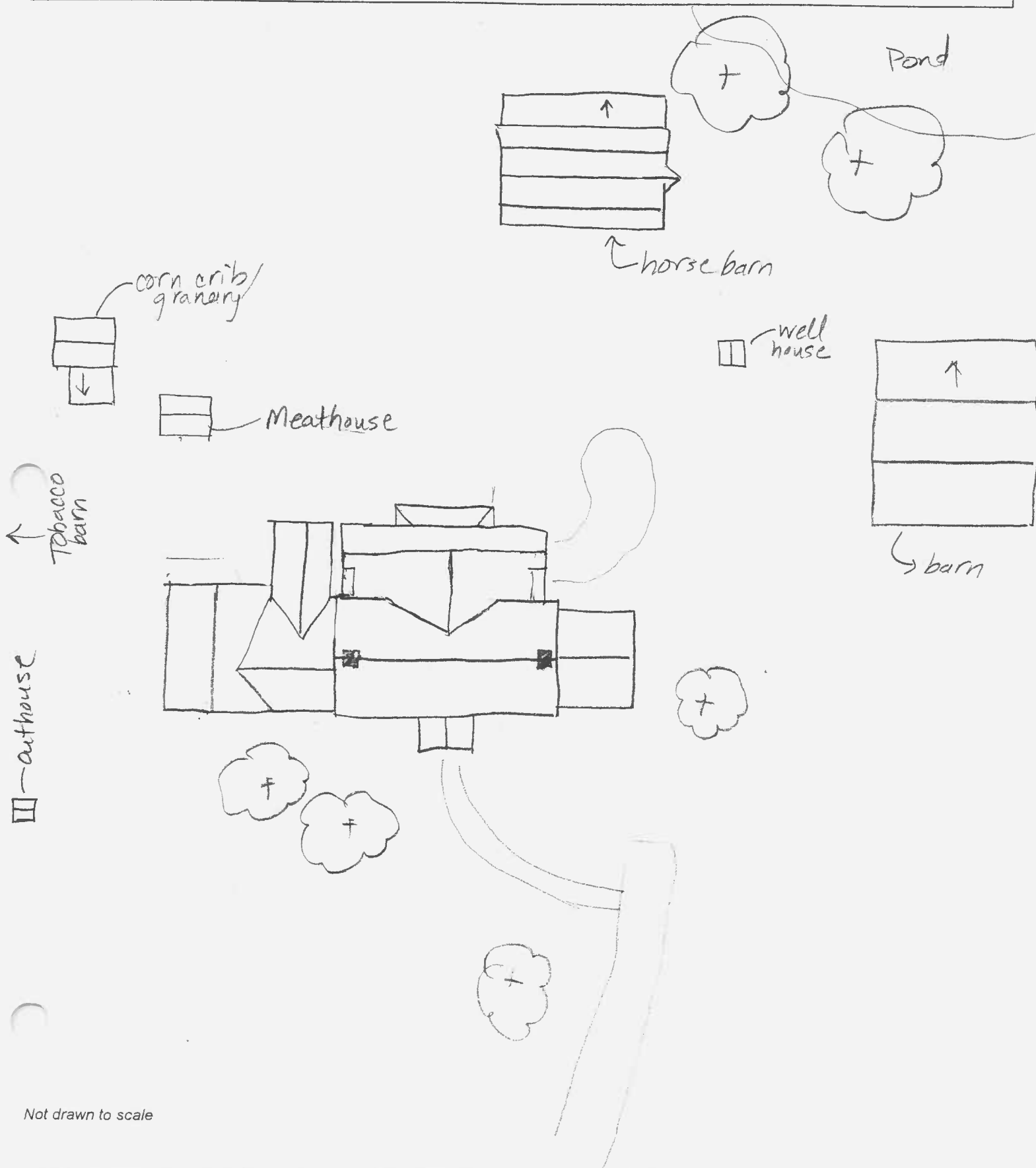
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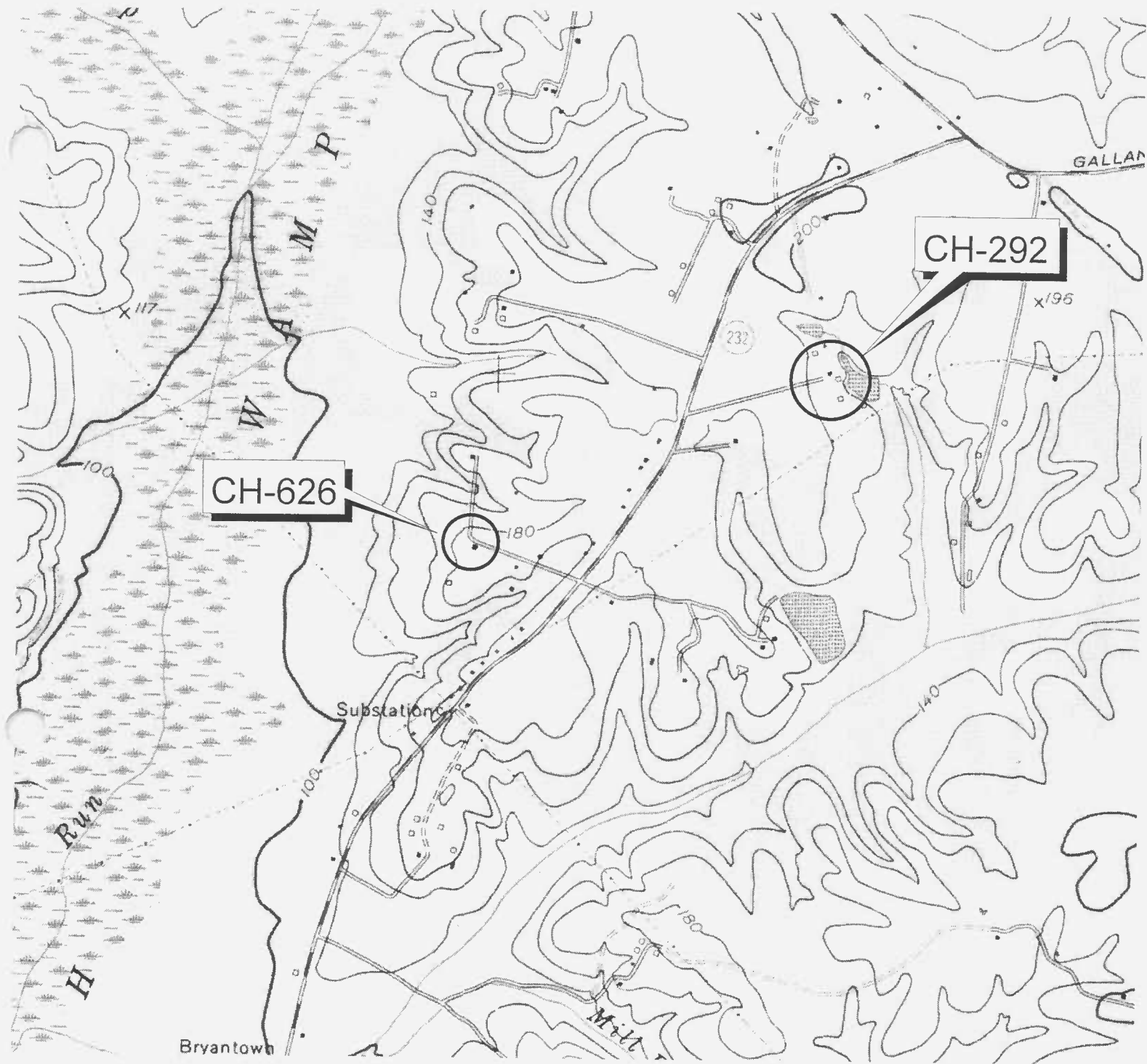
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Charles County, Maryland

Bryantown ☒ Vicinity





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Charles County, MD
Hughesville, MD Quad





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WILTSHIRE PLAINS

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

K.G. SMITH

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LOOKING NORTHEAST

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WILTSHIRE PLAINS

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

KG SMITH

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MARYLAND SITPO

LOOKING NORTHWEST

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INTERIOR, MAIN STAIR

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INTERIOR, DINING ROOM

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INTERIOR, 2ND FLOOR, CHAMBER, NORTH

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WILTSHIRE PLAINS

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

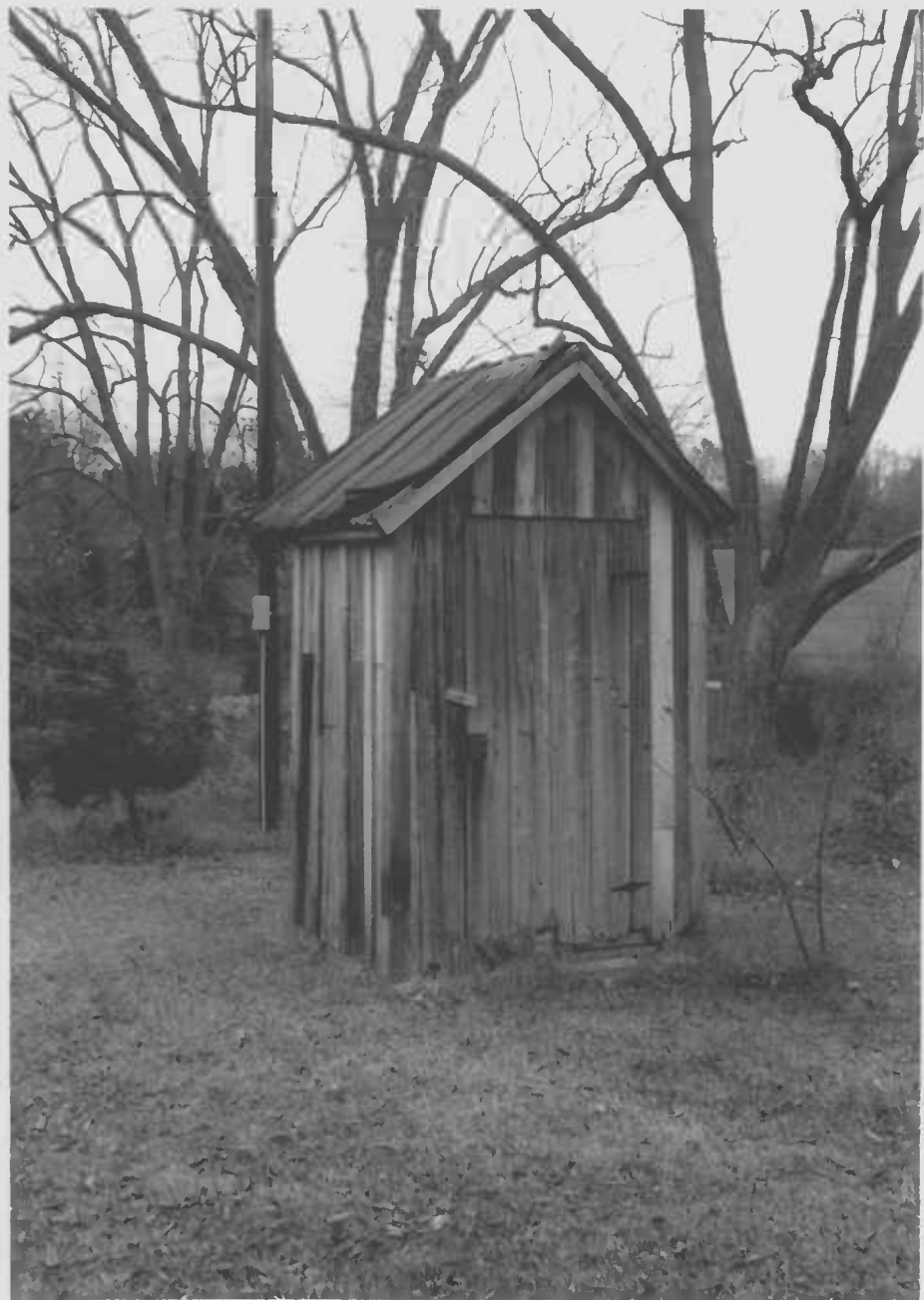
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WELLHOUSE, LOOKING SW

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OUTHOUSE

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WILTSHIRE PLAINS

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MARYLAND SHPO

MEATHOUSE ? CORNCRIB, LOOKING NE. ALSO GRANARY

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WILTSHIRE PLAINS

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

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MARYLAND SHPO

TOBACCO BARN, LOOKING NORTHEAST

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CHARLES COUNTY, MD

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MARYLAND SHPO

HORSE BARN, LOOKING NE

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